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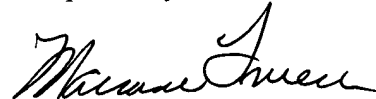
CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

B1 This application is filed under the provisions of 35 USC §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00038 filed January 5, 2000, which in turn claims priority of German Patent Application No. 199 00 414.5 filed January 8, 1999.

REMARKS

This claim to priority is being filed within four (4) months of September 12, 2001 the date when the above-identified application met all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371. Also, applicants claimed priority to International Patent Application No. PCT/DE00/00038 and German Patent Application No. 199 00 414.5 when the above-identified application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the enclosed filing receipt.

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